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FOR AF/C

FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EPAP, RW

SUBJECT: RWANDA AND PYRETHRUM PROBLEMS

1. PLEASE INFORM GOR AMBASSADOR NIZEYIMANA THAT IN ACCORDANCE WITH OUR FEBRUARY CONVERSATION, I CONTACTED WHILE IN THE US SEVERAL AMERICAN FIRMS CURRENTLY INVOLVED IN THE PURCHASE/ PROCESSING OF RWANDAN PYRETHRUM AS WELL AS APPROPRIATE GOR OFFICIALS ON MY RETURN TO KIGALI IN AN EFFORT PROVIDE GOOD OFFICES TO RESOLVE LONG-STANDING PYRETHRUM DISPUTES. IT NOW APPEARS THAT MINFINECON NTIRUGIRIMBABAZI AND SECGEN MINAGRI GAHAMANYI WILL BE IN US FOR TWO WEEKS BEGINNING MAY 21 ON IBRD BUSINESS AND I HOPE SOME PROGRESS MAY ALSO BE MADE ON PYRETHRUM PROBLEMS. I HAVE ACCORDINGLY ALERTED THE US FIRMS TO THE VISIT AND SUGGESTED THEY MAKE APPOINTMENTS VIA GOR EMBASSY. MINFINECON IS INFORMED OF THESE INITIATIVES.

2. FIRMS CONTACTED INCLUDED BIDDLE-SAWYER, NYC (B. CHAVKIN, PARTNER), MCLAUGHLIN, GORMELY KING, MINNEAPOLIS (W. GULLICKSON, PRES.) AND TEA IMPORTERS, INC., WESTPORT, CONN. (J. WERTHEIM, PRES.).

3. FYI - IT MIGHT BE USEFUL FOR AF/C OBTAIN FROM DEPT COMMERCE NAMES OF OTHER POTENTIAL IMPORT AGENTS, PROCESSORS AND CONSUMERS WHO MIGHT HAVE AN INTEREST IN RWANDAN PYRETHRUM IN CASE GOR DEL WISHES TO BROADEN ITS INQUIRIES. END FYI. FRITTS
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